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# The Link

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EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY'S**

9:15 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M.

WORSHIP

6:30 P.M.

EVENING SERVICE

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

1:30 P.M. - PRAYER IN REQUA HOME

**WEDNESDAYS**

7:00 P.M.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
THE ROC
KID'S CLUB
LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**THURSDAYS**

1:30 P.M.
LADIES BIBLE STUDY

6:00 P.M.
MAGIC VALLEY SINGLES
WOK N GRILL

**1ST SATURDAY**

9:00 A.M.
SONNY BUNCH
PERKINS RESTAURANT

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When is it right to burn books?

A question like this implies that there is a right time to burn books. I'm careful to walk into this heated topic of discussion, but I don't believe silence is a right answer either.

The highly publicized "International Burn a Koran Day" was scheduled for September 11, 2010 gained as much attention as the plans to build an Islamic Mosque near Ground Zero in New York City. I will attempt to keep my thoughts short on the matter of the book burning. My initial gut feeling is that book burnings don't end well… I begin thinking about the times in history when many promote a ban on books, or worse burning of books to keep people from reading them. I will attempt to offer my thoughts filtered through Acts 19:18-20.

18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily. Acts 19:18-20 (ESV)

As I examine this text a few things stand out…

1. Conversion has come to those in this passage, conversion because of the preaching of the word. There was confusion about what Christianity was all about (look at all of Chapter 19). But clarity came to many as they were born again, "confessing and divulging their practices."
2. Most, not all, but most (v.19) of the professing followers "brought **their** books…" I find this to be a critical element, they (converts) brought their (not someone else's) books and burned them in the sight of all. These people were making a statement that no one else could do for them, they were declaring that they once believed wrongly and now are believing rightly.
3. As a result of their profound conversion and bold declaration about their faith in Christ, "the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily."

- My Conclusion: Even though I have read the Koran and find it equally dangerous to that of the "Book of Mormon", "Your Best Life Now", "the Purpose Driven Life", and any other number of books, I find this principle true from Acts 19; I am not a convert from Islam to Christianity so for me to burn a Koran means nothing to anyone. The best way for me to defeat the work of evil in this world is to **1)**Be a hearer of the word (James 1:22). **2)**Be a doer of the word (James 1:22).**3)**Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). But my best resource is to **4)**be a clear, clarion voice of Truth and use my words strategically (Romans 10:17).

This causes me to ponder the Apostle Paul's words to the church in Rome (10:17) that faith comes by the "word". Amazing. Of all that humanity possesses, the "word" is the most powerful, influencing, persuading resource known to man. More than a gun, more than terror, more than money, and more than political power or a book burning. This may be why I think the freedom of speech is among the greatest of rights to all of humanity. It gets muddy when people want to add a flag burning, a bra burning, or a book burning to be equal the act of their freedom of speech, but in reality it seems rather to distract from the message.

Now where did I put my dictionary? I have some more words I need to add to my vocabulary.



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# SUPPORT FROM HOME

## 2010 CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Dear Church Family, Thank you for being willing to adopt a Soldier for Christmas. Unfortunately, I do not have individual names to give you as yet. We will be adopting approximately 20 single soldiers from the Magic Valley who do not have family to encourage them while they are deployed.

### SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TO SEND

**Jerky-(beef only), Trail Mix, Hard Candy, Chocolate Candy-(ok), Nuts, Microwave Popcorn, Cookies, Small individual packaged treats, Powder flavored drinks for water, Individual coffee packets and Flavored Creamers, Christian DVD Movies, Christmas Cards, Card of encouragement, Letters from your family, Phone Cards, Sports Magazines, Pocket Bibles**





There is a packing slip in your box, use blue or black ink, press firmly so all information transfers to all copies. Print clearly a detailed list of the items you put in your box. There is no weight restriction so if it fits in the box great. Please return your box and packing slip to the church office by ***December 1st.*** Shipping cost has been paid by the generosity of an anonymous donor. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Edgar at the church office 734-7041.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MAGIC VALLEY SOLDIERS**



## Happy Birthday

**1 Shelly Yung**

**2 Blake Burton**

**3 John Scarlett**

**3 Stacey Brown**

**4 Ryan Franklin**

**9 Marge Lawley**

**11 Ama Lee Brockman**

**14 Helen Requa**

**15 Maks Nelkin**

**20 Eugene Simpson**

**20 Pastor Paul Thompson**

**24 Katherine Edgar**

**26 Genevieve Ennis**

**28 Nikki Mathews**



## *Happy Anniversary*

**October 21st**

**John & Marianne Christlieb**

## Is Giving Linked to Fixed Moral Laws?

Fixed moral laws, as I think of them, are such as gravity, which works the same, basically, without respect of persons, and is activated automatically, in its respective circumstances. Step off the top of a building into thin air, for example, and the law of gravity kicks in, automatically.

A thoughtful reading of Luke 6:38 seems to give a similar picture: "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Perhaps it's the automatic response in like kind that seems to make the link with moral laws. There is no void, no vacuum, left open in response to our giving, according to this promise. Just as the gravity example above, once we step out into thin air, we are not suspended there, unless by a support system of some kind.

When we give our means to the Lord, by faith, it is somewhat like stepping out into thin air, and feels a bit like that, but the act of giving is contrary to the flesh. It gets us out of the way, wherein God can fill that emptiness where self once reigned, as the Scripture says, "He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things." (Ephesians 4:10)

Many believers would agree that, though what is given ("it" in the Luke verse) is restored, the greater treasure received is the filling of Himself in us.

Gene Lawley
Men's Class Teacher

## ***Mind's Attention ~ Heart's Affection***

## "Are We There Yet?"

Do you remember as a child driving in the car with your family and you wanted to know how much farther to grandma's house or wherever you were headed to on vacation? You would whine: ***"Are We There Yet?*** Most often the response came back, ***"No, you're not there yet."*** I believe it's good for us to ask ourselves that very question about our own worship from time to time.

It was revealed to me early on in my ministry that a particular person at my church was still ***not there yet*** by a simple comment they made. Completely selfish, their remarks to me were intended as a complement, but instead revealed how self-centered they were about their own preferences. The previous worship leader in this church had a style and repertoire that just did not suit this person's personal inclination and since my choice of songs fit closer to their tastes, they made a point to pat me on the back while putting down my predecessor. I realized immediately, this person just wasn't there yet.

Please hear my heart: If we are convinced that God is somehow more pleased that our music originates from a hymnbook, or for that matter screeched from an electric-guitar, then we are not there yet either. The plain matter of worship-related issues in our churches is simply this: **Song-Choices and Style-Preferences Matter to Us and Not God- End of Argument!**

**Worship is Not Music**. Music *can* be worship, and it many times helps us worship; but notes on a page and styles and rhythms and tempos are for you and me.

Colossians 3:16 tells us ***"Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*** The use of hymns, and spiritual songs and singing spoken of in this passage are for the purpose of admonishing and teaching you and me. The Word of God dwells in us in order to change us, grow us, drawing us closer to whom and to what God desires and intends us to be: worshippers who worship in **Spirit** and in **Truth** not **Style** and **Tempo**.

However, there must be something said in defense of style and tempo: God *wants* us to use music. God *desires* us to sing *our* songs to worship Him. He wants us to use our *styles* and *tempos* and *preferences- why?* Because He knows what it takes to focus our minds and hearts on Him. But let's not become focused on creating a middle-of-the-road "un-style" for fear of offending God or others with our liking in repertoire. Let's sing what's in our hearts and lift it joyously whether with a twang or a bang let's sing it to Him, honoring God and each other; singing new songs and styles not because music matters but because worship of God matters.

Finally, when our response is, to a worship-gathering of unfamiliar songs, styles, and tempos outside our personal tastes, that we come away praising Him because we worshipped Him in a new and refreshing way rather than with disappointment because it wasn't done our way; my guess then is that we won't wonder anymore if you're there yet.

**~John Martinez ~**

*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." - Phil. 4:8*

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## October Nursery schedule

**October 3rd**
9:15 am Casey Brown
10:15 am
Blake Burton

**October 10th**
9:15 am Lisa Stieneke
10:30 am
Shari Martinez

**October 17th**
9:15 am Kellie Estep
10:30 am
Christie Burton

**October 24th**
9:15 am Shari Martinez
10:30 am
Blake Burton

**October 31st**
9:15 am David Shepherd
10:30 am
Amy Shepherd

## BLOG

Our pastors blog sites are at.

www.esbctwinfalls.com

Then click on their name and you will be directed to their

**"Blogger" Site**

This is a great way to get to know your Pastors on a more intimate level. Read their thoughts, see their stories, post your own responses, and ask them questions.

## *CHURCH HOSTESS & BENEVOLENCE PANTRY COORDINATOR*

**POSITIONS OPEN**

**ESBC, is seeking 1 or 2 Ladies to fill these positions. Please contact Dawn at the church office for more information.**

**734-7041**

# Eastside Baptist Church

seeking to glorify God

**October 2010**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2* 9am Sonny Bunch Perkins Restaurant |
| 3 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship No Evening Service | 4 | 5 | 6 6pm Meal 6:30 PM Adult Study The ROC Kids Club Ladies Bible Study | 7 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study | 8 | 9* 10:00 am MVBA Annual Mtg. |
| 10 *9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Evening Service | 11 | 12 | 13 6pm meal 6:30 PM Adult Study The ROC Kids Club Ladies Bible Study | 14 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study | 15 | 16 |
| 17 *9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Evening Service | 18* UT– ID SBC Annual Conference | 19* UT– ID SBC Annual Conference | 20* 6pm meal 6:30 PM Adult Study The ROC Kids Club Ladies Bible Study | 21 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study | 22 | 23 |
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***Scripture Verse***

This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

Titus 3:8 (NASB)

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| * October 2nd 9:00 A.M. Sonny Bunch Perkins Restaurant | * October 9th 10:30 A.M. MVBA Annual Mtg. | *October 10th 5:00 pm Deacons Mtg. | *October 17th 4:30 P.M. Church Council Mtg. 5:00 P.M. Ministry/ Business Mtg. | *October UT-ID SBC Annual Conference 18th Pastor Conf. General Conf. 19th– 20th | *October 31st 5th Sunday Lord's Supper | "The Link Calendar of Events" |